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Re: Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District Support for HR 2828

Dear Chairman Calvert and Ranking Member Napolitano:

We are writing on behalf of the Rincon del Diablo Municipal Water District (Rincon) in support of HR 2828, your landmark bipartisan legislation to reauthorize the CALFED Bay-Delta Program.

The success of CALFED's program to restore the Bay-Delta as a reliable supply of high quality water and a healthy ecosystem is essential to all Californians. The Bay-Delta represents one of our two imported water sources in San Diego County, where we are located. As such, Bay-Delta water helps to form the foundation for our economy and the quality of life for nearly 3 million residents.

Rincon appreciates your hard work to restore balance in funding for the Bay-Delta Program. The federal government worked closely with the state of California in developing the program, and it controls many of the facilities that play a vital role in the Bay-Delta. Active, authorized federal participation is crucial to the program's success in the years to come.

We appreciate your commitment to moving reauthorization of this program. We applaud the concepts contained in HR 2828, which includes a competitive grants program for projects like desalination and water recycling.

Thank you for your dedication to strengthening California's water supplies.

Sincerely,


John B. Hinrichs
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cc: Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer
Representatives Randy Cunningham, Duncan Hunter, Bob Filner, and
Susan Davis
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